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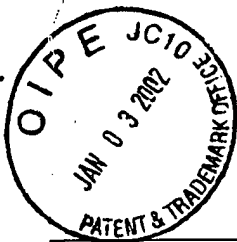
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The documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in a Search Report (copy attached) directed to a counterpart international or foreign application.

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